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HB 326

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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Please Vote FOR HB 328, Short Title: Provide that consent is not a defense for physician assisted suicide. Do not pressure our old and the disabled to prematurely end their lives in order to save money. The right to die can quickly become the duty to die. There are more effective, compassionate ways to cut Health Care Costs. We need tort reform that leads to a reduction in Medical Malpractice Insurance. Keep the lawyers out of the doctor's office and reign in the ambulance chasers. In order to avoid litigation, physicians practice "Defensive Medicine". Lower costs by Voting FOR SB 207, Short Title: Revise laws related to defensive medicine. Give us health insurance "choice" by expanding the market and allowing us to purchase health insurance across state lines. Push for a Federal Medical Savings Account for all, like the MSA provision in the Montana Tax Code. Include provision for choosing a low premium, high deductible option that encourages the consumer to negotiate and "shop" prices. Exempt Health Care Sharing Ministries from State Regulations.

Support:

SB 142, Short Title: Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses. SB 149, Short Title: Authorize Direct Primary Care Provider Plans.

SB 129, Short Title: Allow For Establishment Of Recovery Centers For Certain Health Care Services.
SB 348, Short Title: Authorize Interstate Health Care Compact. There are viable health care options that will provide compassionate, cost effective services. Putting down Grandma is not one of them. Please pass this bill and protect the disabled and elderly.

Yours.

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